the new generation gas-based fertilizer units;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) to what extent the production of fertilizers would be increased and import of fertilizers would be minimised; and

(d) what effective steps Government propose to take to boost production of fertilizers in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) There is no proposal to raise the standard capacity of gas-based fertilizer plants. However, some proposals have been received for doubling the capacities of existing standard sized plants.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) A few projects have been provisionally identified for implementation during the period 1992-93 to 1996-97. With the implementation of these projects the estimated production is expected to increase from estimated 73.5 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen and 26.50 lakh tonnes of Phosphates in 1991-92 to 111.50 lakh tonnes of Nitrogen and 38.00 lakh tonnes of Phosphates in 1996-97.

Official Aparatus to Handle Money due for Payment to Bhopal Gas Victims

1319. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "No apparatus for Bhopal victims" which appeared in *the Hindustan Times* of 8th October, 1991;

(b) whether there is no proper official apparatus yet to handle the money and determine the amount of compensation due for payment in each case on account of which Bhopal Gas victims are subjected to further agony; and

(c) if so, what steps Central Government propose to take to streamline the official apparatus system to handle money etc., for the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (c) Adjudication of claims and distribution of compensation is to be carried out under the provisions of the Bhopal Gas Leak Disaster (Registration and Processing of Claims) Scheme, 1985. The Scheme, *inter alia*, provides for a Welfare Commissioner with appropriate assistance to undertake the process of adjudication and compensation. The Welfare Commissioner is in place and the process of adjudication should commence by the 3rd February, 1992, the date which the Supreme Court has fixed for commencement of the process.

नई उर्वरक नीति के विरुद्ध प्रत्यावेदन

1320. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार को नई उर्वरक नीति के विरुद्ध रसायनिक उर्वरकों के विनिर्माताओं से कोई प्रत्यावेदन प्राप्त हुआ हैं और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में सरकार की प्रतिक्रिया क्या है?

रसायन और उर्वरक मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्ता मोहन): (क) और (ख) कुछ उर्वरक निर्माताओं ने 25-7-91 से नियंत्रण-मुक्त किये गये कुछ निम्न विश्लेषित उर्वरकों और उसी तारीख से सिंगल सूपर फास्टेट उर्वरक के मामले में लगायी गयी आर्थिक सहायता सीमा के खिलाफ अभ्यावेदन दिए है। चूंकि उपरोक्त नीति परिवर्तन अभी हाल ही में किए गए हैं इसलिए इस समय इन मदों का उत्पादन करने एककों के [illegible] वाले [illegible] पर उनके प्रभाव का मूल्यांकन करना अपरिपक्व होगा।